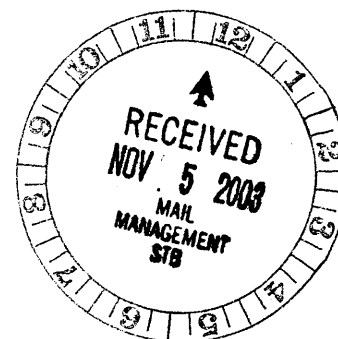




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TO EXPEDITE REVIEW USE
BHP REFERENCE NUMBER

Re: ER 03-2667-003-B
STB Docket NO. AB-842X, Almono LP, Abandonment Exemption,
Allegheny County, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Rosenberg:

The Bureau for Historic Preservation (the State Historic Preservation Office) has reviewed the above named project in accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended in 1980 and 1992, and the regulations (36 CFR Part 800) of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation as revised in 1999. These requirements include consideration of the project's potential effect upon both historic and archaeological resources.

The properties listed below, listed in or eligible for the National Register of Historic Places, are located near the project area. In our opinion, the activity described in your proposal will have no effect on such resources. Should the applicant become aware, from any source, that unidentified historic or archaeological properties are located at the project site, or that the project activities will have an effect on these properties, the Bureau for Historic Preservation should be contacted immediately.

Monongahela Connecting Railroad and Roundhouse, Allegheny County

If you need further information in this matter please consult Susan Zacher at (717) 783-9920.

Sincerely,

Kurt W. Carr, Chief
Division of Archaeology &
Protection

cc: STB
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